

# Stormwater BMP Maintenance E-Newsletter



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## Spring Maintenance Tips

- ✓ **Avoid use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides in and around your stormwater facilities — these products pollute our streams.**
- ✓ Pond non-structural maintenance includes grass cutting and trash removal around the facility, and woody vegetation removal around the dam embankment, control structure, and inflow points.
- ✓ Removing non-native invasive **weeds** as soon as you see them in your bioretention facility or sand filter will help to prevent more significant repairs later on. Ask DEP for a copy of your bioretention design if you are unsure what plants should be there. Replenishing **mulch** to a 3 inch depth (but not any higher) can also help to reduce weeds.
- ✓ Contact Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) if a facility holds water for more than 72 hours or if a wet pond has a higher than normal pond level, as this could indicate a problem.
- ✓ Be sure you have scheduled your contractor for spring mowing of pond embankments.

## New – Fall 2012 Contractor Training Added

Thanks to all the contractors that attended our March 2012 Contractors training. DEP has decided to hold an *additional* Fall 2012 training for any contractors that were unable to attend the Spring 2012 training. This fall's class size is limited to 50 participants. Companies should limit their attendees to two (2) individuals. Reservations will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

8:00am to Noon.

Mid-County (Up-County) Regional Services Center, Room #3,  
12900 Middlebrook Road  
Germantown, MD. 20874.

Please RSVP to DEP by August 31, 2012 at

[MC.Stormwater@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:MC.Stormwater@montgomerycountymd.gov) for more information.



## Contractor Training

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## [Feature Topic - 2011 Maintenance Summary](#)

Thanks to all of your work in FY2011, over 2,500 stormwater facility maintenance work orders were processed and successfully finalized. This means the large majority of stormwater facilities in Montgomery County are functioning as designed. Maintenance work was completed on aboveground and underground facilities located on private and public property.

## [Landscaping Contest](#)

The Keep Montgomery County Beautiful (KMCB) Task Force invites you to participate in its 26th ANNUAL LANDSCAPE BEAUTIFICATION CONTEST. DEP encourages owners of well-maintained, landscaped, stormwater facilities to submit a photo of their facility to MCDOT. Entries must be submitted by June 22nd! [Landscaping Contest Link](#)

## [New - Volunteer Opportunities!](#)

DEP is beginning a volunteer program for anyone interested in helping to keep Montgomery County vegetated stormwater facilities, such as bioretention facilities, looking great and functioning as they were designed. More details coming soon!

## [Resources for More Information](#)

### WEBSITE

More information on stormwater maintenance is available at our website:  
[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/stormwater](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/stormwater)

Click on "[Contractor Resources](#)" for specific contractor training information.

### EMAIL

If you have any questions on stormwater facility maintenance, please contact us at [MC.Stormwater@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:MC.Stormwater@montgomerycountymd.gov).

This quarterly newsletter has useful information and seasonal tips for Property Managers, contractors, and HOAs to assist you with your stormwater facility maintenance needs. Montgomery County, MD has over 4,400 stormwater facilities and the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) ensures that they are all regularly maintained and functioning as-designed to protect our local streams. These facilities include dry ponds, wet ponds, underground hydrodynamic structures, bioretention facilities, and much more. To view previous editions of the newsletter, visit <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dectmpl.asp?url=/Content/dep/water/stormwaterfacility.asp#subscribe>